

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of April 27, 2007

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

George Boothby, LHRC Chair
Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC
Barbara Parker, LHRC
Lynette Jennings, LHRC
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DMHMRSAS
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Sue Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Shawn Ware–Avant, Paramount Youth Services
Nina Joyner, Family Systems II and New Life Programs
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Steven Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services
James Lassiter, Family Net
Monica Manley, The Barry Robinson Center
Joyce Bozeman

ABSENT

Bobby Howlett, Jr., LHRC

Chairperson George Boothby called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. He reported that LHRC member, Bobby Howlett, Jr., had called before the meeting to state he would not be able to attend. Dr. Manley announced that this was the final meeting for Dr. Boothby and Ms. Barbara Parker. To commemorate Dr. Boothby's five-year service on the LHRC as member and chairperson, Dr. Boothby was provided with a plaque memorializing his service and a basket of token gifts. The Committee thanked Dr. Boothby for his generous service on the Committee. In addition, Ms. Parker was recognized for completing her three-year term of service on the LHRC. Dr. Manley apologized for miscommunication and indicated that she would also be receiving a plaque and gift bag as soon as possible. Mr. Prost noted that applications for prospective members had been submitted and that one applicant would be interviewed today for the Committee.

2007 Meeting Dates

The remaining 2007 LHRC meeting dates are July 27 and October 26, 2007. The Committee also decided to hold a special meeting on May 4, 2007 to interview the second applicant for the Committee and to elect new officers.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 26, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost informed the Committee that the SHRC would review the new regulations on May 4, 2007 at a meeting at the Holiday Inn in Portsmouth, Virginia. It is expected that the regulations will be approved. Therefore, a seminar will be held for LHRC members in September 2007 to discuss and review the new regulations. Mr. Prost reported there are some changes to the regulations specific to capacity evaluations and seclusion and restraint changes

primarily for training centers. In addition, information regarding HIPPA is included. Mr. Prost reported there was an excellent presentation on "Authorized Representatives" at Eastern State Hospital and many LHRC members across the state attended. He also passed out pamphlets from the 24th Annual Volunteer Luncheon which was held in Staunton, Virginia on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. He reported the luncheon was an excellent opportunity to meet volunteers from the LHRCs. Mr. Prost indicated trophies were given to all of the LHRCs. He then presented the trophy to the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee to show appreciation for their volunteerism and dedication. The trophy will be maintained at The Barry Robinson Center and present during each meeting to remind Committee members that they are appreciated. He reported in either July or October, he will be providing committee members with a brief review of the Freedom of Information Act. Finally, Mr. Prost reported Human Rights visits have gone well. The visits have included a tour and review of policy and procedures. There has been nothing significant or life threatening identified at any facility that has been visited.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 18 residents in the residential program and 2 children in their day-treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 74 clients in 8 substance abuse and regular groups. He also reported there is an addendum to their intensive outpatient program which includes treatment for comorbid conditions dealing with chronic pain. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Jim Dekker reported they are currently serving 12 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. He reported that they have submitted revisions to their Human Rights policies.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Steven Waranch reported they are currently serving 20 patients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency groups. There are two adult groups and one adolescent group. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
5. Paramount Youth Services – Shawn Ware-Avant reported they are currently serving 25 residents in four group homes. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. She indicated there were four incidents that she wanted to discuss during closed session.
6. New Life – Nina Joyner reported they are currently serving 92 intensive in-home clients within New Life. Mary's House has 4 residents. Sister's House has 3 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 87 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. She reported that Family Systems II is also requesting temporary affiliation for two programs. One program is for outpatient services and the other program is for community health services. Mr. Prost provided a letter indicating the SHRC has reviewed and approved the Human Rights policies and that the LHRC must review them. The committee discussed the breadth of the policies and decided to review them prior to the July meeting. Thus, the policies will be reviewed and possibly approved during the next meeting. Ms. Joyner provided a brief overview of the programs, which she stated are adjuncts to their in-home programs. She reported the outpatient program does not have to be licensed. However, their licensing representative, Douglas Newsome, has recommended that it be licensed

since the program will offer substance abuse services to adolescents. The mental health community support services will include programs for adolescents 16 and up who are severely mentally ill. The community support services will provide intensive wraparound services for a minimum of ten hours per week. Medicaid will be billed for the services. After Ms. Joyner's discussion, a motion was made and seconded for both programs to be temporarily affiliated with the LHRC. Mr. Prost stated if the programs were licensed prior to the July meeting, they would be eligible for permanent affiliation.

8. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 66 consumers. Fifty-six families are receiving in-home services, 13 clients are in day support, and 16 clients are receiving family care giving training. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Mr. Morlino also reported they will be submitting an application for a center-based day support program and sponsor residential. They will follow the process of first submitting the human rights policies to the state and then to this Committee to get temporary affiliation, followed by licensure, and permanent affiliation.
9. Family Net – James Lassiter reported they currently have 10 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues
10. The Barry Robinson Center – In-home Services – Dr. Monica Manley reported 87 families are receiving in-home services and seven adolescents are participating in the outpatient substance abuse program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. The Barry Robinson Center – The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to licensing/Human Rights, and special treatment procedure utilization. In addition, the LHRC reviewed, moved, seconded and recommended to the State Human Rights Committee the continuation of the structured living variance in the BRC residential programs.

Executive Session

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) for the purpose of reviewing four incidents that occurred at Paramount Youth Center, to interview one applicant for the Committee, and to review The Barry Robinson Center's occurrence reports.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified to the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated they made no recommendations regarding the four incidents at Paramount Youth Center or any of the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center. In addition, the Southside Local Human Rights Committee made a motion, seconded and approved a recommendation to the State Human Rights Committee that Ms. Bozeman be accepted as a member of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.